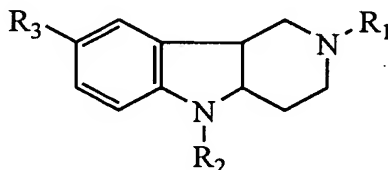


In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

- 1 2. (new) A method for treating a neurodegenerative disease in a patient in need thereof,
2 comprising:
3 administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound
4 having the general formula:
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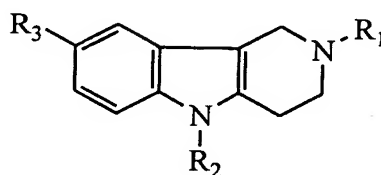
- 8 wherein
9 R_1 — is selected from the group consisting of CH_3 —, CH_3CH_2 —, and $PhCH_2$ —;
10 R_2 — is selected from the group consisting of H—, $PhCH_2$ —, and 6- CH_3 -3-Py-
11 $(CH_2)_2$ —; and
 R_3 — is selected from the group consisting of H—, CH_3 —, and Br—.

- 1 3. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein R_1 — is CH_3 —; R_2 — is H—; and R_3 — is
2 CH_3 —.

- 1 4. (new) The method of claim 3, wherein the compound is in the form of a cis (\pm)
2 isomer.

- 1 5. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein the compound is a quaternary salt.

- 1 6. (new) A method for treating a neurodegenerative disease in a patient, comprising:
2 administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound
3 having the general formula:



A2 4 wherein

5 R₁— is selected from the group consisting of CH₃—, CH₃CH₂—, and PhCH₂—;

6 R₂— is selected from the group consisting of H—, PhCH₂—, and 6-CH₃-3-Py-
7 (CH₂)₂—; and

8 R₃— is selected from the group consisting of H—, CH₃—, and Br—.

1 7. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃CH₂— or PhCH₂—; R₂— is H—;
2 and R₃— is H—.

1 8. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃—; R₂— is PhCH₂—; and R₃— is
2 CH₃—.

1 9. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃—; R₂— is 6-Me-3-Py-(CH₂)₂—;
2 and R₃— is H—.

1 10. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃—; R₂— is 6-Me-3-Py-(CH₂)₂—;
2 and R₃— is CH₃—.

1 11. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃—; R₂— is H—; and R₃— is H—
2 or CH₃—.

1 12. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein R₁— is CH₃—; R₂— is H—; and R₃— is
2 Br—.

- 1 13. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein the compound is a quaternary salt.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants earnestly believe that they are entitled to a letters patent, and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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